



Keeping in touch

1st May 2020



Hi everyone,

This is our third keeping in touch newsletter. We will continue to send one each fortnight until school returns back to normal. People keep asking me when this may be; my honest answer is that I don't know but look forward to us all being back together when it is safe to do so.

I hope you are all keeping well and managing the best you can in this situation. We have had lots of communication with children and parents through email, purple mash and the new platform seesaw. First of all, thank you very much for persevering with this new way of working and for trying to navigate the platforms the best you can. This is also very new to us and we have never worked in this way before. Purple mash is great but it doesn't allow us to upload our own worksheets and learning; this is the reason we have started using seesaw so that learning can be as closely matched to school as possible. Juggling working from home, home schooling and other commitments can be challenging to say the least so please don't be overwhelmed with the amount of work that is put on the platforms. There is no expectation of how much work your children have to complete or by a particular timescale so please don't feel any pressure to get it all done. It is there if and when you chose to access it.

Miss Hall will also be putting more maths work on the website by the end of this week for you to access, so don't forget that is there if you want your children to complete it. You can print this off or write the answers on paper and then photograph it and upload it onto seesaw for the staff to see.

At the beginning of this week there was a problem with purple mash and all the 'to do's' that had been set disappeared. The staff have tried to reinstate these as quickly as possible but there was a time when it looked like there weren't any there. We are sorry for this, and after emailing and speaking to purple mash to let them know, they were able to rectify the problem.

Finally, I have included a couple of activities for mindfulness attached to this email and a couple of links on page 3 of this newsletter for you to access if you want to.

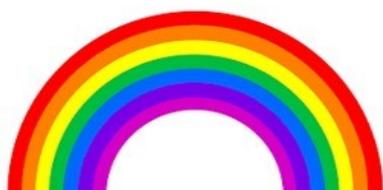
As I mentioned earlier, this is a new way of working for us too so thank you for being patient with us as we iron out any issues and also get to grips with the new platforms too.

Take care everyone and contact us if we can be of any help.

Mrs Hutchinson



The staff have a message for you. Please watch the PowerPoint presentation attached to the email. Just click start from beginning and sit back and enjoy!



HOME LEARNING

There are lots of activities that the staff are putting on seesaw and purple mash. Here are a few links that you may want to look at for ideas of more activities and learning.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>—The BBC have launched a learning package to help parents with home schooling. It covers a range of classes and subjects too.

<https://radioblogging.net/> - Here you will find various people reading different parts of stories and loads of interactive activities every day 9am - 7pm. The website is good for little activities, but also good quality background storytelling.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP_FbjYUP_UtldV2K_-niWw/featured?disable_polymer=1 Written and presented by phonics experts and funded by the Department for Education, the online lessons are designed to cover new phonics teaching that children would have received over the summer term had they been in school. This resource is for use by teachers and parents who will find planning and teaching phonics challenging when schools are closed due to Covid-19.

<https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/UKBMD/bulletins/2881112>—Families across the Bradford district, particularly those with babies and young children, are being reminded that there is support out there for anyone needing it during the coronavirus outbreak. More information can be accessed by clicking on the link.

<https://www.yorkshirewater.com/education/home-learning/> Yorkshire water have put together a home learning zone on their website. Follow the link to find out more.

BAFTA Kids have enlisted some famous faces to share their film, TV and game recommendations to help inspire children, and keep families entertained whilst they're at home.

https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/march/launching-bafta-kids-at-home-with-place2be/?fbclid=IwAR2NMvcBRBcuVBjYIYgHkKQjggFp5IJYQyEC_w_mvRqXCWCuggsRnvqHddLE

Mindfulness, relaxation and yoga :You Tube have a lot of useful videos you can link directly, here are just a couple:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cyvuaL_2avY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0k_R7R1gIdA

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gCLW77sABTc>

EBooks for Children and Young Adults with Bradford Libraries

Have you read all your books at home? Feeling a bit bored? Want something new? Did you know that Bradford Libraries have hundreds of EBooks for children, with new titles added daily during the current Covid-19 Pandemic. EBooks are FREE to borrow requiring only a library card to access. You'll need the library card number and your PIN (which is your date of birth and last two digits of the year you were born e.g. 1006 for 10th Feb 2006). Take a look via the following link to see all the books available to read. Parents you can borrow EBooks too! Why not try something different during this StayatHome.

<https://www.bradford.gov.uk/libraries/library-services-online/e-books/>

And if you can't find a book you'd quite fancy reading you can email christinea.donnelly@bradford.gov.uk with your suggestion.



Harden Wall of Fame



We love seeing all the great things you are doing at home to keep yourselves entertained so keep sending them in.





Max, the school budgie, is safe and well and looking forward to coming back to school. (I think Mr Weston is missing him!)

Headteacher Stars of the week



Ronnie in year 5 entered a painting competition and won! The competition was for Yorkshire Rose Dog Rescue where he got his dog from. Well done Ronnie and you certainly deserve Headteacher's star of the week! An amazing piece of art. Your certificate is in the post.



Well done to Oliver and Amelia Hird who have been packing food parcels for those who need it. Well deserved stars of the week! Your certificates are in the post.